

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended**For Six Month Period Ending 11/30/2012

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

Office of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic in the U.S.A.

5342

- (c) Business Address(es) of Registrant

1334 G Street, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20005

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

- (a) If an individual:

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| (1) Residence address(es) | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Citizenship | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Occupation | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

- (b) If an organization:

- | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| (1) Name | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (2) Ownership or control | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| (3) Branch offices | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

- (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C
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- , state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position	Date Connection Ended
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(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

N/A

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name	Residence Address	Citizenship	Position	Date Assumed
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(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Date Terminated
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(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name	Position or Connection	Foreign Principal	Date Terminated
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6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

N/A

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒
If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

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10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes ☐ No ☐Exhibit B⁴ Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3 (Formerly CRM-157) sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD-4 (Formerly CRM-155) sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

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see attached

12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

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see attached

13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ The term "political activity" means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION**14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
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see attached

\$ 75,300

Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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6, 7 A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

8 An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

9 Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐(2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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see attached

\$ 73,563

Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
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^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks" and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

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18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

- ☒ Radio or TV broadcasts ☒ Magazine or newspaper ☐ Motion picture films ☒ Letters or telegrams
☒ Advertising campaigns ☒ Press releases ☐ Pamphlets or other publications ☒ Lectures or speeches
☐ Other (specify) _____

Electronic Communications

- ☒ Email
☒ Website URL(s): www.nkrusa.org
☒ Social media websites URL(s): www.facebook.com
☐ Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

- ☒ Public officials ☒ Newspapers ☐ Libraries
☒ Legislators ☒ Editors ☒ Educational institutions
☒ Government agencies ☒ Civic groups or associations ☒ Nationality groups
☒ Other (specify) Embassies, NGOs

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

- ☒ English ☒ Other (specify) Armenian

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

Yes ☒ No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)

December 12, 2012

/s/ Robert Avetisyan

eSigned

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.

Question 11:

During this 6-month period, have you engaged in any activity for or rendered any service to any foreign principal named in items 7, 8 and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Activities on behalf of the Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic:

Contacts

Date: 06/13/12
Contact: Office of US Congressman Gregory Meeks;
Purpose: Meeting with Congressman's assistant Jesper Pedersen
Contact manner: email, phone

Date: 07/04/12
Contact: Hillary Clinton, Philip Gordon, Eric Rubin, Robert Bradtke - U.S. Department of State;
Rajiv Shah – USAID;
Leon Panetta – US Department of Defense
Purpose: to forward NKR Foreign Minister's, Defense Minister's and Finance Minister's July 4
congratulatory letters
(copies provided in attachment #1)
Contact manner: mail/fax

Date: 07/04/12
Contact: Members of the US Congress;
Purpose: to forward NKR Parliament Speaker's July 4 congratulatory letters
(List of recipients and copies of letters provided in attachment #2)
Contact manner: mail/fax

Date: 10/13/12
Contact: US Congressman C. Van Hollen
Purpose: discussion of recent developments in the region
Contact manner: Event meeting

Date: 10/28/12
Contact: Members of the US Congress: Anna Eshoo, Frank Pallone, Jackie Speier
Ed Royce, Adam Schiff, Brad Sherman
Purpose: Request of a meeting with the NKR Foreign Minister
(copies of letters provided in attachment #3).
Contact manner: fax / e-mail

Date: 11/02/12
Contact: Office of US Congressman Adam Schiff
Purpose: Expressed gratitude for publishing article on NKR
(copy of the letter provided in attachment #4)
Contact manner: fax / mail

Date: 11/08/12
Contact: White House, US President's Office;

Purpose: Forwarded congratulatory letter to re-elected US President from NKR President (copy of the letter provided in attachment #4).
Contact manner: fax / mail
Date: 11/20/12
Contact: Members of the California State Assembly Katcho Achadjian and Kevin de Leon;
Purpose: Meeting with the NKR Parliament Speaker
Contact manner: office meeting

Newsletter

Date: 06/16/12, 07/16/12, 08/16/12, 09/16/12, 10/01/12, 10/16/12, 11/01/12, 11/16/12
Subject: Developments in NKR and related to NKR
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Press-releases

Date: 06/05/12
Subject: The City of Cranston Also Marks Shushi Liberation Day
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 06/25/12
Subject: Rhode Island's Warwick Celebrates Shushi Liberation Day
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 07/20/12
Subject: Artsakh Holds Presidential Elections
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 08/07/12
Subject: The State Representatives Praise Artsakh's Democratic Independence
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Date: 10/25/12
Subject: The South Wales of Australia Supports Artsakh's Independence
Availability: www.nkrusa.org, electronic distribution

Interviews, Articles, Media and Action Alerts

Date: 11/21/12
Subject: Action Alert: Please Support the Telethon Organized by the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund
Availability: electronic distribution

Date: 11/27/12
Subject: Action Alert: Join Us for a Capitol Hill Observance.
Nagorno Karabakh Republic/Artsakh: 21 Years of Freedom, Democracy & Progress
Availability: electronic distribution

Registrant's attendance at conferences and forums generally re Nagorno Karabakh and the region

Date: 06/05/12
Event: "Nagorno Karabakh: Will The Frozen Conflict Turn Hot?"
Venue: Woodrow Wilson Center
Speakers: Tom De Waal (Carnegie Endowment); Fiona Hill (Brookings institution); Charles King (GWU); Wayne Merry (American Foreign Policy Council);

Dates: November 15-23, 2012
Official: Mr. Ashot Ghulian, Speaker of the Nagorno Karabakh Parliament.
Itinerary: By invitation of the Armenia Fund, Inc., meetings in Los Angeles, CA, with media, experts, local government officials and representatives of the Armenian-American community. Discussed issues related to the Nagorno Karabakh peace process and assistance to Nagorno Karabakh. In Glendale, California, participation in a televised fundraising for humanitarian and development projects in Nagorno Karabakh.

Date: 11/26/12
Event: Meeting with students and discussion of Nagorno Karabakh issue.
Location: John Hopkins University's SAIS;
Speaker: NKR Representative Robert Avetisyan.

Question 12:

During this 6-month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity as defined below? Yes

Political activities on behalf of the Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic:

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Question 14 (a):

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in items 7, 8 and 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interest of any such principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes

If yes, set forth in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.

The amount listed below is the total of such financial support and contributions to the NKR Office from all sources for the reporting period (06/01/2012 - 11/30/2012).

Name	Address line 1	Address line 2	Amount
NKR Government	28 Azatamartikneri St.	Stepanakert, NKR, Armenia	\$75,300.00
Total			\$75,300.00

Question 15 (a):

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

(1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, and 9 of this statement? Yes

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal of such monies, including transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Foreign Principal: The Government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

The following is a breakdown of those expenses incurred by the NKR Office in the USA during the reporting period (06/01/2012 - 11/30/2012).

NN	Purpose	Amount
1	Entertainment/meals: No U.S. officials or media representatives were guests	\$1,707
3	Health Insurance	\$4,647
4	Living expenses	\$38,084
6	Car rent/related expenses	\$5,612
7	Office Supplies	\$2,130
8	Parking	\$560
9	Postage/Courier	\$173
10	Rent Housing Expats	\$15,492
11	Telephone / Internet	\$3,837
12	Travel within US & International: No U.S. officials or media were quests	\$1,202
13	Website/Email	\$119
	Total operating expenses and other disbursements:	\$73,563

Question 16:

During this 6 month period, did you prepare, disseminate or Cause to be disseminated any informational material?

Answer: Yes. Below are the copies of the Press Releases, Media and Action Alerts distributed during the reporting period (06/01/2012 – 11/30/2012)

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PRESS RELEASE

June 5, 2012

The City of Cranston Also Marks Shushi Liberation Day

Mayor Fung Proclaims May 20 the Victory Day

"Shushi's liberation was the turning point in the long Nagorno Karabakh", wrote Cranston Mayor Allan W. Fung in the special resolution that proclaimed May 20 Shushi City Liberation Day.

The resolution text stresses, that dozens of "Armenian liberators made the ultimate sacrifice so that others may live free from oppression and tyranny".

Mayor of Shushi Garen Avakimyan sent a letter to Mayor Fung, in which he thanked the Mayor and the City of Cranston for celebrating the Shushi's liberation, and adopting the resolution.

The letter by Mayor Avakimyan, in particular, said: "Throughout its history, Shushi has always been playing a significant role in the cultural and educational life of the Armenian people...On behalf of the citizens of the free Shushi, I would like to thank you for your support. We look forward to further cooperation, and deepening of the friendship between our cities".

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PRESS RELEASE

June 25, 2012

Rhode Island's Warwick Celebrates Shushi Liberation Day

Proclaims May 20 Day of the City's Liberation

The City of Warwick, RI, proclaimed May 20, 2012 as the Shushi Liberation Day. "Due to the bravery of Armenian soldiers and excellent military strategy and organization, Shushi was liberated," says proclamation by the Warwick's Mayor Scott Avedisian.

"Attempts to reunify Artsakh and Armenia were met with resistance by Azerbaijan with murders, slaughters and torture", the proclamation says, and emphasizes that "liberating Shushi became a matter of life and death". The proclamation also characterizes the liberation of Shushi as "a turning point in the war" between Azerbaijan and Artsakh.

Mayor of Shushi Garen Avakimyan thanked the Mayor and the City of Warwick for the Proclamation. Avakimyan's letter, in particular, said "Twenty years ago the city (of Shushi) returned to the Armenian people to become a symbol of courage and perseverance, a symbol of a selfless struggle for freedom and justice".

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PRESS RELEASE

July 20, 2012

ARTSAKH HOLDS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS

Incumbent President Bako Sahakyan is re-elected to second term

Washington, DC – On July 19, 2012, for the fifth time since independence the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh chose their president. More than 70 percent of nearly 100,000 eligible voters turned out to decide between three candidates: incumbent President Bako Sahakyan; National Assembly member and former deputy minister of defense Vitaliy Balasanyan; and academic Arkady Soghomonyan.

According to preliminary results released by the NKR Central Electoral Commission Bako Sahakyan received more than 66 percent of the vote and was thus reelected to a second term. Vitaliy Balasanyan polled more than 32 percent and Arkady Soghomonyan less than one percent.

More than 80 international observers from two dozen countries, including Armenia, Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, the United States of America, Uruguay monitored the parliamentary elections in Artsakh widely covered by local and world media.

According to preliminary judgments of the observers, the election were free and fair, and reflected the democratic will of the people of Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh.

The European Friends of Armenia Observer Mission that included members of the European Parliament, journalists and other public figures, welcomed the conduct of elections in Artsakh, emphasized their transparent nature and called on the international community to appreciate these efforts and provide technical assistance and election observation for future elections.

International expert Center for Electoral Systems, an independent monitoring group founded by a former member of Israeli Knesset, characterized the elections as free expression of popular will that is on par with international electoral standards. The mission noted that the election campaign was carried out in a democratic and competitive atmosphere, and emphasized the commitment of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic to conduct democratic and transparent elections.

Another election monitor, member of the Canadian parliament Jim Karygiannis, observed that "the people of Nagorno-Karabakh exercised their democratic right to choose who will lead their government and I was privileged to be able to witness it...It was a picture perfect election from start to finish."

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PRESS RELEASE

August 7, 2012

The State Representatives Praise Artsakh's Democratic Independence

BOSTON, MA — On August 6, 2012 the House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts adopted a resolution submitted by State Representative Jonathan Hecht urging "the President and Congress of the USA to support the self-determination and democratic independence of Nagorno-Karabakh".

The resolution condemns the killings of Armenians in Sumgait, Kirovabad and Baku and acts of violent repression by Azerbaijan against the peaceful demonstrations for self-determination in Nagorno-Karabakh. The document also notes that the "Nagorno-Karabakh's security continues to be threatened by Azerbaijan's hostile acts". It praises, that despite these continuous acts of violence, the people of Nagorno-Karabakh in a popular referendum on December 10, 1991 voted in support of independence, freedom and democracy.

The resolution also congratulates "Nagorno-Karabakh on the success of its ongoing efforts to develop democracy" and commends the July 19, 2012 presidential elections as "another major step" in this regard.

"We thank the Massachusetts State House for passing the resolution in support of Artsakh's freedom. By adopting this document, the Massachusetts legislators have promoted the universal values of the human rights and liberties", said NKR representative Robert Avetisyan. "We are grateful to Representative Hecht for his crucial leadership in this issue. We also praise our compatriots and longtime supporters James Kalustian and Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian for their great dedication and continued efforts in promoting Artsakh's interests in the United States", Avetisyan added.

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PRESS RELEASE

October 25, 2012

The South Wales of Australia Supports Artsakh's Independence

The Largest State of Australia Calls upon the Australian Government to Recognize the NKR and enhances the Karabakh-Australian relations

As reported by the Armenian National Committee of Australia and the NKR Permanent Representation in Australia, on October 25, 2012, the Legislative Council of the New South Wales Parliament of Australia passed a resolution introduced by Member of Legislative Council, the Honorable Marie Ann Ficarra. The legislation recognizes the independence of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and Artsakh people's right to self-determination. The resolution also calls upon the Commonwealth Government to officially recognize the independence of the NKR and strengthen Karabakh-Australian relations. The resolution was unanimously adopted on the Legislative Council floor in the presence of ANC Australia Executive Director Vache Kahramanian and Communications Director Haig Kayserian.

"The NSW Parliament has always been, and continues to be, a beacon of hope in upholding human rights. We thank all members of the Legislative Council for taking a stance to uphold the basic human right to self-determination. In particular we thank Marie Ficarra for her courageous stance," Kahramanian remarked in the press release issued by the ANC of Australia afterward the adoption of the resolution.

"I appreciate the New South Wales Legislative Council for passing this resolution that supports Artsakh's aspirations for independence and democracy. I also hope that this legislation, that demonstrated the commitment of the Australian state of the New South Wales to the principles of democracy and justice, will become a positive example for all other countries and states that respect basic human rights and values. I also deeply grateful to the Armenian National Committee of Australia for its inestimable contribution and efforts for adoption of the resolution and continuing support of Artsakh," said NKR Representative to Australia Varouzhan Iskenderian.

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Join Us for a Capitol Hill Observance

**Nagorno Karabakh Republic/Artsakh:
21 Years of Freedom, Democracy &
Progress**



Wednesday, December 5, 2012

6:30pm - 8:30pm

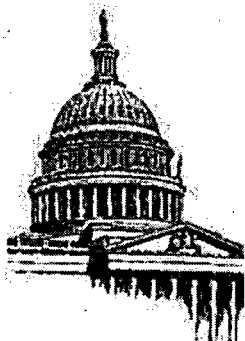
Russell Senate Office Building Rm. 385 - Capitol Hill

With Keynote Remarks by

Mr. Karen Mirzoyan

Foreign Minister of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic

Join Members of Congress, the diplomatic corps, think tank representatives and the Armenian American community for an evening marking the 21st anniversary of the Karabakh independence referendum and 6th anniversary of the adoption of the Karabakh constitution.



Hosted by the Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues in cooperation with the Embassy of the Republic of Armenia, the Nagorno Karabakh Republic Representation in the U.S. and Armenian American organizations.

The event is in the Russell Senate Office Building, on Constitution Ave., between Delaware Ave, NE and 1st St. NE. The closest metro is Union Station (Red Line).

Hourly parking available at Union Station.

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Action Alert: Please Support the Telethon Organized by the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund

Dear Compatriots,

On behalf of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh, the NKR Office in the United States encourages all Armenian Americans and all friends of Armenians to actively support the Telethon, organized by the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund to raise funds for development of our Homeland. This year's Telethon will take place on November 22, 8:00 AM – 8:00 PM U.S. Pacific Standard Time.

For hundreds of thousand Armenians in U.S. around the globe Thanksgiving Day has already become a traditional day of unity and confidence in the future of our nation. In the past two decades more than \$250 million were raised through the effort to build new roads, schools and hospitals in Armenia and Artsakh.

This year's Armenia Fund Thanksgiving Day Telethon is dedicated to "Our Village" and will raise funds for the construction of Multifunctional Community Centers in the remote villages of Armenia and Artsakh. The community centers will house first aid clinics with an ambulance, computer rooms connected to the internet, an auditorium for trainings and town hall meetings, a library with audio visual equipment, as well as an administrative and accounting office. Part of this year's Telethon contributions will be addressed to humanitarian needs of Syrian Armenians, our brothers and sisters in Syria, who suffered in a result of ongoing crisis there.

The 'Hayastan' All-Armenian Fund envisages the following ways for making tax-deductible donations:

- 1 – Log on to www.ArmeniaFundUSA.org and make a secure online donation;
- 2 – Call 1-800-888-8897 and donate using a credit card or make a pledge;
- 3 – Text the word ARMENIA to 80088 to donate \$10 from your cell phone.
- 4– Use donate@armeniasfundusa.org

More information on how to contribute at: <http://www.armeniasfundusa.org/contribute.htm>

Broadcast live from Los Angeles, California, the event will be televised throughout the United States and worldwide on the web as well as satellite and cable networks. Additional information is available at www.ArmeniaFundUSA.org.

Take a minute to participate in building a brighter future for our Homeland.

Office of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic to the United States

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Question 16:

During this 6 month period, did you prepare, disseminate or Cause to be disseminated any informational material?

Answer: Yes. Below are the copies of Newsletters distributed during the reporting period (06/01/2012 – 11/30/2012)

ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

May 15- June 15, 2012

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SECURITY & POLITICS

In early June, Azerbaijan again intensified its violations of the cease-fire agreement on the border with north-eastern Armenia. From June 4-6, Azerbaijani forces initiated a number of subversive actions on the border with Tavush province resulting in at least three Armenian service members killed and six wounded; civilian infrastructure in border villages also came under shelling. Azeri military forces also attacked positions in south-eastern Karabakh, killing one serviceman and wounding two. In each case, Armenian forces undertook retaliatory punitive actions against the aggressor; Azerbaijan admitted deaths of ten servicemen in the same period.

These attacks were condemned by international mediators, including the United States. The violence coincided with the visit of U.S. State Secretary Hillary Clinton to the South Caucasus region. Secretary Clinton ruled out military solution to the Karabakh conflict saying that a peacefully negotiated settlement is the only alternative.

Members of the U.S. Congress condemned Azerbaijani aggression on the Armenian-Azerbaijani border and urged State Secretary Clinton to deliver strong messages to Aliyev's regime about the incidents.

The OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Irish Foreign Minister Eamon Gilmore called the Karabakh conflict parties to remove snipers from the Line of Contact. Unlike Azerbaijan, Armenia and NKR continue to agree to reciprocal removal of snipers.

Armenian diplomatic missions in New York and Vienna informed the United Nations and the OSCE about these Azerbaijani provocations against Armenia and Artsakh, noting Azerbaijan's continued refusal to investigate them.

The U.S. House Appropriations Committee proposed an increase in aid to Nagorno Karabakh from \$2 million to "at least" \$5 million in Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 State, Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill. The

Senate version of the bill did not include a direct allocation but expressed support for the Karabakh peace process.

Rep. Howard Berman (D-CA), Ranking Democrat of the House Foreign Affairs Committee urged U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to stop a proposed sale of military hardware to Azerbaijan due to this country's continued war rhetoric and attacks against Armenia and Artsakh.

The Rhode Island House of Representatives passed a resolution that calls on the U.S. President and Congress to recognize the independence of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic. NKR parliament welcomed the resolution.

The City of Providence marked the 20th anniversary of Shushi's liberation with Mayor Angel Taveras issuing a relevant proclamation. Mayor of Shushi Garen Avakimyan sent a thank you letter to Mayor Taveras.

French Senators Bernard Fournier, Sophie Joissains and Philippe Marini visited NKR. During their visit, they emphasized the right of Artsakh people to self-determination. They dismissed Azerbaijan's threats to "blacklist" them from visits to that country.

NKR parliamentary delegation led by Speaker Ashot Ghulyan visited the United Kingdom to meet members of British parliament and academia, as well as local Armenian community representatives. Member of the British House of Lords Baroness Caroline Cox led a delegation on its visit to Artsakh.

The Independent of London published a letter of Dr. Adrian C. Pont about continued Azerbaijani shelling of Armenian borders.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

The airport of Stepanakert will begin operations this summer reported NKR's Civil Aviation Department. IT service provider Synergy International Systems and the NKR Ministry of Economic Development agreed on cooperation and the company's activity in Artsakh.

SOCIETY

A group of American doctors visited Artsakh to perform more than one hundred free surgeries in Stepanakert and Shushi.

Construction of rural community centers will be part of Armenian Fund's fundraising program for 2012.

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ARTSAKH NEWSLETTER

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SECURITY & POLITICS

In another cease-fire violation by Azerbaijan, contract serviceman Levon Tamrazyan, 39, was killed by a sniper on Armeniab™s northeastern border on July 7. Armenian forces undertook retaliatory measures.

Artsakh Defense Army continues its mission of providing security, said army commander Lieutenant-General Movses Hakobyan during a meeting with journalists near the Line of Contact in Artsakh™s Mardakert district. Hakobyan noted his forces were ready to again defeat their Azerbaijani counterparts in case of a renewed aggression.

Visiting Armenia, president of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy urged the parties to the Karabakh conflict to respect the cease-fire and refrain from use of force or threat of force.

During his regional visit, the OSCE Secretary General Lamberto Zannier called for removal of snipers from the Line of Contact to reduce the number of casualties from both sides. Armenia and NKR have repeatedly stated their readiness to pull back snipers, but Azerbaijan continues to refuse to do so.

NKR President Bako Sahakyan urged the Karabakh conflict mediators to bring Azerbaijan onto a constructive path and restore full-fledged format of peace negotiations during his meeting with OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs who arrived in Stepanakert from Baku after crossing the Line of Contact between Artsakh and Azerbaijan. In Yerevan and Baku the mediators met presidents of Armenia and Azerbaijan and concluded their visit by issuing a statement that reiterated that the sides' political will to achieve peace is best demonstrated by refraining from maximalist positions, respecting the 1994 ceasefire agreement, and abstaining from hostile public rhetoric. the

The mediators noted that Azerbaijani officials™ threats against civilian aircraft flying to and from Artsakh were not acceptable, saying they received renewed assurances from the sides that they will reject any threat or use of force against civil aircraft, pursue the matter through diplomatic steps, and refrain from politicizing the issue. the

NKR Central Election Commission approved the voting ballot for the upcoming presidential elections. Three candidates™ names are listed alphabetically on the ballot: Vitaly Balasanyan, Bako Sahakyan and Arkady Soghomonyan. Earlier, the fourth candidate Valeriy Khachatryan withdrew his name from the candidates™ list.

NKR presidential candidates continue campaigning through the daily meetings with Artsakh voters. Presidential election will take place on July 19 and will be monitored by international observers.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

The government continues to explore opportunities to grow Artsakh's agriculture. In one development, production of vegetable oil based on Germany technology has been recently launched in Taghavard village of Martuni district. Cooperation in the sphere of agriculture was discussed during a visit to NKR by Armenia's Minister of Agriculture Sergo Karapetyan.

Cooperation in the banking sphere was discussed during a visit to Artsakh by the Chair of Armenia's Central Bank Arthur Javadyan.

SOCIETY

NKR Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs organized a summer camp near villages of Mets Taghlar and Tumi of Hadrut district as part of the ԵՒԽ Family Camp 2012 program aimed at strengthening family values and promotion of healthy lifestyle.

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Artsakh offered to support to compatriots from war-torn Syria. During a visit to a summer camp in Artsakh that includes Syrian Armenian children, Prime Minister Ara Harutyunyan said that NKR was ready to help with accommodation and free education.

In July 19 elections, the incumbent president of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh Bako Sahakyan was re-elected to a second term collecting more than 66 percent of the vote. His main opponent Vitaliy Balasanyan polled more than 32 percent and Arkady Soghomonyan less than one percent. Following the vote, President Sahakyan addressed the nation emphasizing that the people of Artsakh "once again confirmed their adherence to international norms and standards, their irreversible determination to build a free, independent and fair state."

More than eighty international observers from two dozen countries, including Armenia, Argentina, Austria, Bulgaria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Cyprus, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Netherlands, Poland, Russia, the United States of America and Uruguay monitored the elections in Artsakh widely covered by local and world media. According to judgments of the observers, the election was free and fair, and reflected the democratic will of the people of Artsakh.

Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan addressed a congratulatory message to Artsakh President Sahakyan on his reelection.

Members of the U.S. Congress congratulated the citizens and government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic for the democratic conduct of Artsakh's presidential elections.

In their statement on the election, the Minsk Group Co-Chairs from France, Russia and the United States acknowledged the need for Artsakh authorities to "try to organize democratically the public life of their population" with election.

The House of Representatives of the State of Massachusetts adopted a resolution that urges "the President and Congress of the USA to support the self-determination and democratic independence of Nagorno-Karabakh". The document condemns the killings of Armenians in Sumgait, Kirovabad and Baku and acts of violent repression by Azerbaijan against the peaceful campaign for self-determination in Artsakh and underscores that the "Nagorno-Karabakh's security continues to be threatened by Azerbaijan's hostile acts".

Azerbaijani diplomatic missions continue spreading disinformation about Artsakh in an attempt to mislead the international community, the NKR Foreign Ministry noted in a recent statement.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

California-based Scholars for Scientific, Educational and Cultural Development Inc. (SSECD) initiated iArtsakh project that aims to advance IT sector in NKR. On August 16 the group held an inaugural fundraising for iArtsakh project implementation. NKR government supports and welcomes the iArtsakh initiation of the SSECD.

Local administration of Armenia's Lori province and Artsakh's Martakert district continues strengthening their economic ties. Governor of Lori region with his delegation arrived in Artsakh to discuss issues of mutual interest.

SOCIETY

Professor Roberto Giovanelli, who directs an art academy in Florence, Italy, in cooperation with the NKR Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs organized an art exhibition in Volterra, Italy, dedicated to Armenia and Artsakh.

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A number of states and international organizations, including Minsk Group Co-Chair countries (USA, France, Russia) and the Minsk Group itself, as well as the UN, NATO and Council of Europe condemned Azerbaijani regime's pardon and glorification of the Azerbaijani assassin murderer Ramil Safarov who was serving a life sentence in Hungary before being extradited to Azerbaijan.

European Parliament adopted a resolution on the case that "deplores the decision by the President of Azerbaijan to pardon Ramil Safarov" which "runs contrary to the spirit of that international agreement, which was negotiated to allow the transfer of a person."

Bako Sahakyan has been sworn in as president of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh in an inaugural ceremony in Stepanakert. Armenian president Serzh Sargsyan and other officials participated in the ceremony. In his inauguration speech, Sahakyan underscored that any attack on independence and freedom of Artsakh will receive adequate response.

Ara Harutyunyan was reappointed as prime minister. Following the presidential election and in accordance with Articles 106 and 107 of NKR Constitution, the government announced its resignation.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Stable economic growth in the last five years derived primarily from industrial, agricultural and construction sectors of Artsakh economy, NKR's prime minister Ara Harutyunyan said in a press conference.

President Sahakyan emphasized the important role of the French Pernod Ricard-owned Yerevan Brandy Company in agricultural sector of the NKR.

Representatives of the Swedish company "DeLaval" have visited Artsakh to discuss cooperation in agriculture.

SOCIETY

Astronauts from the United States and Switzerland were among participants of an international conference "Man and Space" in Stepanakert dedicated to the late astronaut and the first man on the moon Neil Armstrong.

Stepanakert hosted an open-air rock concert with participation of British rock musician Glenn Hughes. The former Deep Purple and Black Sabbath guitarist joined American keyboardist Derek Sherinian as special guests at the concert of an Armenian rock band Dorians.

Presidents of Armenia and Artsakh participated in the re-opening of the Khachatur Abovian school in Shushi.

HISTORICAL REFERENCE

This September 2 the people of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh celebrate the 21st anniversary of the republic's independence. On this day in 1991, in an effort to put an end to decades of discrimination and oppression within Soviet Azerbaijan and re-dress Joseph Stalin's arbitrary decision in 1921, the local representative bodies, reflecting the will of their electorate, adopted the Declaration of Independence that proclaimed the establishment of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic. Azerbaijan responded with political blackmail, economic blockade and full-scale military aggression. Through determination and sacrifice, the people of Artsakh prevailed in defending their right to live in freedom under the government of their own choosing.

Armenian President Serzh Sargsian congratulated people of Artsakh on this occasion, while Armenian parliament speaker Hovik Abrahamyan led a delegation to the festive events in Stepanakert.

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SECURITY & POLITICS

Artsakh has sent the first batch of humanitarian assistance to Syrian Armenians. Sunflower oil, flour, canned fruits, pasta products, all made in Artsakh, have been sent under "Help Your Brothers and Sisters" initiative.

At the end of September Azerbaijani forces continued to violate the cease-fire regime, claiming the life of 19-year-old private Vaghinak Baghdasaryan on September 23. Artsakh forces undertook retaliatory measures. Baghdasaryan was posthumously awarded with a medal of "Service in Combat."

Artsakh's new Cabinet held its first meeting chaired by President Bako Sahakyan, and set priorities for the coming years (click for video). Prime Minister Ara Harutyunyan has been reappointed but he will have a new Deputy, Arthur Aghabekyan. Aghabekyan was war-time commander of Hadrut district's self-defense; later he served as Armenia's deputy defense minister and as a member of Armenia's parliament for the Armenian Revolutionary Federation.

Karen Mirzoyan has been appointed the new Minister of Foreign Affairs. Mirzoyan previously served in Armenia's foreign ministry, including as representative to the Black Sea Economic Cooperation organization offices in Istanbul and earlier as Artsakh's representative in Yerevan.

NKR President and delegation were in Yerevan for Armenia's Independence Day. "September 21 is a holiday for all Armenians in Armenia, Artsakh and the Diaspora; a day that unites us around a common idea", President Sahakyan said in a statement.

Dr. Norbert Lammert, President of the German Bundestag, joined the international community in condemning Azeri president's pardon for the convicted ax killer.

OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs met separately with foreign ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan in New York.

ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Agriculture and education were the main realms discussed during Artsakh leadership's visit to the Kashatagh region.

Armenia and Artsakh have successfully participated in the "Top Resa - 2012" annual International Travel Market in Paris. Despite Azerbaijani nterference, Armenian and Artsakh booths provided useful information on our culture, heritage and history.

SOCIETY

Shushi hosted an international conference "Shushi - the Hearth of Armenian Culture", dedicated to the 500th anniversary of Armenian printing.

An Armenian rock group Dorians joined by Glenn Hughes of the Deep Purple and Black Sabbath fame played a concert in Stepanakert as part of Independence Day celebration. (Click for video)

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SECURITY & POLITICS

Members of the U.S. Congress Howard Berman (D-CA) and Brad Sherman (D-CA) reiterated their support for Artsakh's independence and also argued for US assistance to Syrian Armenians.

US Ambassador in Azerbaijan Richard Morningstar told an Azerbaijani news agency that a peaceful resolution of the Karabakh conflict remained priority for the United States.

Switzerland-Artsakh cooperation was discussed during President Bako Sahakyan's meeting with Swiss parliamentarians in Stepanakert (click for video). Swiss deputies also met with NKR Parliament Speaker Ghulian.

NKR Foreign Ministry circulated a letter among the UN General Assembly and Security Council, in response to Azerbaijan's recent criticism of NKR's presidential elections.

Felix Khachatryan has been appointed NKR Deputy Foreign Minister. Prior to appointment, Khachatryan was taking various positions in the Artsakh MFA; most recently he ran Ministry's Department on Analysis and Programming.

Future Armenian diplomats, students of the Armenian Diplomatic Academy arrived in Stepanakert, and met with the Artsakh President and Foreign Minister (click for video).

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Artsakh Parliament approved Government's program for 2012-2017.

President Sahakyan and Chairman of the Armenian Central Bank Arthur Javadyan discussed further cooperation in banking and other financial systems. President stressed the positive role Armenian banks were playing in Artsakh's comprehensive development (click for video).

Leading IT technology representatives visited Artsakh to discuss future perspectives of the IT development in Artsakh.

Hayastan All-Armenian Fund in cooperation with NKR government continues reconstruction of water supply system for Karvatjar's households, Shahumian region.

A new veterinary lab in Stepanakert is expected to promote agricultural development, while ensuring food security (click for video).

"Shushva" (www.shushva.com) company has organized a wine tasting event to promote wines made in Artsakh (click for video).

SOCIETY

A large group of Armenian benefactors and activists – members of the Armenian General Benevolent Union – visited Artsakh. Artsakh's President received the group led by AGBU President Berge Setrakian (click for video).

President Sahakyan received a delegation of the Armenian Relief Society to discuss the existing and new programs in Artsakh. Organization's chairwoman Vicky Marashlyan reiterated commitment to expand activities in NKR.

A group of youth from Armenia and Diaspora visited Artsakh under the "Birthright Armenia" project (click for video).

Delegation of the Union of Armenians in Russia led by Ara Abrahamyan also visited Artsakh, and discussed further strengthening of Artsakh - Diaspora ties with the republic's leadership.

Artsakh's head of state addressed participants of the sixth pan-Armenian forum of journalists "Towards the 100th Commemoration of the Armenian Genocide".

An Italy-based foundation "Anastasis" will cooperate with the Artsakh government over restoration of the Davidank Monastery in northern Artsakh.

Festival of Contemporary Art "Shushi Art Project" kicked off in the historical city. "Installation" and "performance" would be the genres for the week 1, says Gary Vorperian, head of the "Shushi Art Project" (click for video).

Students of the Gyurjyan Institute of Applied Arts organized an exhibition in Artsakh (click for video). A new hospital has opened in Ashan, Artsakh's Martuni region, and will provide improved medical services to neighboring villages as well (click for video).

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The Legislative Council of the New South Wales of Australia passed a resolution calling upon the Australian "Government to officially recognize the independence of the Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh and strengthen Australia's relationship with the Nagorno-Karabakh and its citizens". NKR President's administration and Parliament welcomed the resolution, calling it a significant step towards global recognition of Artsakh's freedom.

The OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs had a joint meeting with the Foreign Ministers of Azerbaijan and Armenia in Paris. "Reducing tensions among the parties" and some "ideas on working proposals to advance the peace process" were discussed.

Foreign Minister Karen Mirzoyan received Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office to discuss situation along the line of contact between Artsakh and Azerbaijani armed forces.

"Artsakh's Army has upgraded military arsenal that significantly increased republic's defense capabilities", NKR Minister of Defense said in a press-briefing (click for video).

While in Yerevan, US Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs Eric S. Rubin called continuation of talks on Karabakh settlement "highly important."

"Time to refocus on Artsakh", Rep. Adam Schiff (D-CA) said in an article. A long-time supporter of freedom and justice for Artsakh, Rep. Schiff expressed hope that the United States would send a strong signal to Azerbaijan to take a constructive stance in talks.

Czech Senate's Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security passed a resolution condemning Azerbaijan's pardoning convicted murderer Ramil Safarov.

Artsakh President received Swiss parliamentarians to discuss political and economic cooperation between the countries.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Artsakh president Bako Sahakyan discussed the establishment of a new IT center during a meeting with American-Armenian philanthropists Sam and Silva Simonian. Meantime, an IT company "Synergy International Systems" opened a branch in Stepanakert.

Artsakh's Tourism Department launched a new South Touristic Corridor project, aimed at improving region's tourism infrastructure, including access to historical monuments.

SOCIETY

'Hayastan' All-Armenian Fund announced a decision to "include assistance to Syrian Armenians as a part of its fundraising efforts for the year 2012". The Fund will contribute 10% of all donations from Armenia and Artsakh during the 2012 Telethon, and Phone-a-thon by Fonds Arménien de France to the humanitarian needs of Syrian Armenians.

The Fund's International Thanksgiving Day Telethon will air on November 22 live for 12 hours, 8:00am-8:00pm PST. (click for more info)

President Sahakyan received delegation of the Armenian Missionary Association in America to discuss agricultural and educational programs in Artsakh. (click for video)

Artsakh's population increased by 968 in 2012. Birth rate in January - September 2012, was twice as high as death rate; number of marriages increased by 128 in comparison with the same period in 2011, while cases of divorces decreased by 13 (click for video).

NKR Ministry of Culture and Youth Affairs moved to a new building in Shushi. Artsakh's leadership will continue increasing administrative presence in the town (click for photos and video).

Playing at home, the Artsakh football team beat Abkhazia 3-0 (click for video).

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President of the House of Representatives of Uruguay Jorge Orrico visited NKR and met Artsakh Republic President Bako Sahakyan and other officials to discuss development of relations between Uruguay and NKR. Earlier in Yerevan, Jorge Orrico condemned Azerbaijan's recent pardoning and promotion of a convicted axe murderer, stressing the importance of protection of human rights on the international arena. He also noted that Uruguay was the first country in the world to recognize the Armenian Genocide.

During his visit to Artsakh, President of the House of Representatives of Uruguay Jorge Orrico spoke at the NKR parliament. He stressed the importance of peaceful resolution of the conflict and respect freedom and basic human rights. Artsakh Speaker of the Parliament Ashot Ghoulian welcomed the visit of Uruguay delegation to Artsakh and stressed the importance of this visit for Artsakh. Later, the Uruguay delegation visited Shushi and Gandzasar as well as met Armenian refugees from Azerbaijan.

"Rehabilitation of the Stepanakert airport is the sovereign right of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic and pursues solely civilian and humanitarian objectives, including the realization of such a basic human right as the freedom of movement", the NKR Foreign Ministry said in a letter circulated at the UN General Assembly and Security Council in a response to Azerbaijan's efforts to thwart the airport's opening.

Azerbaijan officially continues encouraging hatred against Armenians, stressed Armenia's Representative to the United Nations, Amb. Garen Nazarian in his address during a UN session on elimination of racism, racial discrimination and intolerance.

Armenia will continue pushing for a negotiated settlement to the Karabakh conflict, but the country will not stand aside in case of new aggression against NKR from Azerbaijan, Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan stated in his interview with *the Wall Street Journal*. Sargsyan stressed that "...Azerbaijan is waiting for an occasion to start a conflict" and warned that that "would harm the people of Nagorno-Karabakh and Armenia but that most harm would come to the people of Azerbaijan."

The recent meeting of Foreign Ministers of Armenia and Azerbaijan mediated by the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs was an attempt to bring Azerbaijan to constructive dialogue, said Armenian Foreign Minister Edward Nalbandyan.

Azerbaijan did not allow U.S. Ambassador to Azerbaijan Richard Morningstar to visit the site in Julfa, Nakhijevan, where a medieval Armenian cemetery with thousands of cross-stone monuments (khachkars) was destroyed by the Azerbaijani authorities in 2005 (see the video). The Armenian

National Committee of America called on the U.S. Ambassador to visit the area and to secure public access to the site. See full documentary on the subject.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

Growth in the construction sector continues in Artsakh, with \$65 million invested in the first nine months of this year. See video.

Base Metals Company is preparing to put into operation a new ore deposit in the area of Tsakhkashen in Martakert region, NKR within two years.

SOCIETY

'Hayastan' All-Armenian Fund's 15th international telethon will take place on November 22 live between 8:00am-8:00pm PST. (click for more info). This year's contributions will assist in the rural development in Armenia and Artsakh and the urgent humanitarian needs of Syrian Armenians.

President Sahakyan stressed the importance of rural development projects for Artsakh, in his speech during the Hayastan All-Armenian Fund's annual fundraising dinner in Moscow that secured pledges of more than \$12 million. NKR President called upon Armenians to participate actively in the upcoming telethon.

Shoushi played host for a joint meeting of NKR and Armenian parliaments' standing committees on Science, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport Affairs.

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The Honorable Hillary Rodham Clinton
U.S. Department of State
2201 C St NW 7th Floor
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Dear Secretary Clinton:

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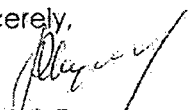
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**The Honorable David Dreier
United States House of Representatives
233 Cannon HOB
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Dear Representative Dreier:

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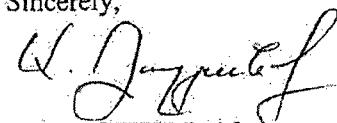
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303 CHOB
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United States Senate
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Washington, DC 20510**

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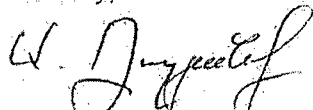
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United States House of Representatives
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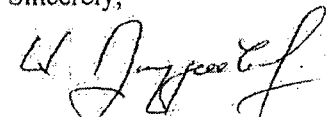
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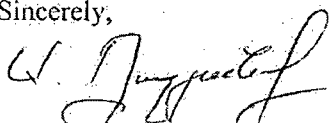
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United States House of Representatives
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United States Senate
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United States Senate
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United States Senate
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United States Senate
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317 Russell Senate Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
2243 Rayburn House Office Building
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United States House of Representatives
Speaker
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Loretta Sanchez
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States House of Representatives
2411 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Shelley Berkley
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Howard Berman
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

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United States House of Representatives
2303 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515**

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United States House of Representatives
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United States Senate
Majority Leader
522 Hart Senate Office Bldg
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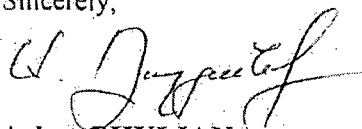
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United States House of Representatives
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United States House of Representatives
1609 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515**

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**The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
Minority Leader
235 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515**

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**The Honorable Frank Pallone
United States House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515**

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United States House of Representatives
1013 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515**

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July 3, 2012

**The Honorable Grace Napolitano
United States House of Representatives
1610 LHOB
Washington, DC 20515**

Dear Representative Napolitano

On behalf of the people and government of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, Artsakh, I am writing to congratulate you and the American people in connection with the United States' Independence Day.

On July 4, 236 years ago, the American people has reached their long-cherished goal of freedom, and became masters of own destiny. Your struggle for self-determination has motivated other freedom-loving nations throughout the globe, including the Nagorno Karabakh Republic (NKR), to raise their voice against suppression and discrimination of the universal rights and liberties.

We highly appreciate the tireless efforts of the U.S. Administration towards reaching a final peace and strengthening stability in the South Caucasus. The NKR authorities are determined to continue a constructive involvement for finding a positive and workable solution to the existing problems with the neighboring Azerbaijan.

Also, the people of Artsakh are grateful to you and the entire American nation for the continued humanitarian assistance, which has helped to rebuild our lives after a devastating aggression by Azerbaijan.

Despite the regional challenges, our republic remains committed to continue developing as a free and democratic country, with well-functioning state institutions and a vibrant civil society. We are looking forward to continue cooperation with the US Congress in promoting our shared vision of a democratic, secure and predictable South Caucasus.

Once again, I would like to congratulate your country with the holiday, and wish the American nation peace and prosperity:

Sincerely,

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United States Senate
SH-528
Washington, DC 20510

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November 28, 2012

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
United States House of Representatives
205 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Eshoo:

I am pleased to inform you that Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nagorno Karabakh Republic Mr. Karen Mirzoyan will be visiting Washington, D.C. this December 4. Foreign Minister Mr. Mirzoyan is planning to conduct a series of meetings and consultations with U.S. Government, think tanks and academic circles as well as Armenian-American Diaspora organizations. He also will attend the Congressional event on Artsakh Independence on December 5th at 385 Russell Senate Office Building.

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The Honorable Frank Pallone
United States House of Representatives
237 CHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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November 28, 2012

The Honorable Ed Royce
United States House of Representatives
2185 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Royce:

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The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States House of Representatives
2411 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

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November 28, 2012

The Honorable Brad Sherman
United States House of Representatives
2242 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Sherman:

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November 28, 2012

The Honorable Jackie Speier
United States House of Representatives
211 CkHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Speier:

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**To His Excellency
Mr. Barack OBAMA
President of the United States of America**

Dear Mr. Obama

On behalf of the people, authorities of the Nagorno Karabagh Republic and myself I cordially congratulate You on being reelected President of the USA.

In Artsakh we rate high the input of the United States of America in strengthening stability and security in our region, promoting peaceful and just settlement of the Azerbaijani-Karabagh conflict. We very much appreciate the financial assistance provided to our republic by the United States too.

We attach great importance to cooperation between our countries closely linked with the ties of friendship and mutual trust, and look forward to further widening and deepening them.

I congratulate You once more. I wish robust health, happiness and success to You and Your family, peace and prosperity to the whole American nation.

With respect

Bako SAHAKYAN



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November 2, 2012

The Honorable Adam Schiff
United States House of Representative
2411 RHOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Schiff:

I am writing to thank you for your views and remarks expressed recently in the "Time to Refocus on Artsakh" article.

The issues you have mentioned in your article are vital for the Nagorno Karabakh Republic, and we are grateful for your continued steadfast support of Artsakh's freedom and economic prosperity.

Despite Azerbaijan's damaging stance, we are determined to continue our constructive involvement with the United States and the rest of international community for finding a lasting solution to the Azerbaijan – Karabakh confrontation.

We hope that, with your continued leadership in the US Congress, we will be able to further strengthen Artsakh's democratic sovereignty, which will only promote our common vision of a stable and predictable South Caucasus.

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